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SUBJECT: SPANISH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON NATIONAL CARGO
BUREAU AND U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT

REF: A) MADRID 4197; B) MADRID 3436

1. REGARDING PARA 2 OF REF B, NATIONAL CARGO BUREAU (NCB)
IS A NON-PROFIT NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED
AT THE REQUEST OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD. A REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD SITS ON NCB'S EXECU-
TIVE COMMITTEE, AND COAST GUARD AUTHORIZES THE NCB TO ACT
ON ITS BEHALF FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES OF INSPECTION AND
CERTIFICATION. PROVISIONS OF U.S. CODE ALLOW THE USG TO
APPOINT NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE
COAST GUARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT PROVISIONS OF
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ARTICLE 3 OF THE 1960 SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA CONVENTION.
THE COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD RECOGNIZES THE NCB
FOR PURPOSE OF ISSUING CERTIFICATES OF LOADING. UNDER
COAST GUARD REGULATIONS (46 CFR 93.20-15 (A) AND (B)),
THESE CERTIFICATES OF LOADING MAY BE ACCEPTED AS PRIMA FACIE
EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH USG REGULATIONS FOR BULK GRAIN
CARGOES.

2. REGARDING PARA 3 OF REF B, THE ONLY PORT WHERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED IS BALTIMORE. IN CERTAIN OTHER PORTS, BOARDS OF TRADE AND GRAIN EXCHANGES ARE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE SUCH CERTIFICATES OF STOWAGE INDICATING THAT VESSELS ARE CLEAN AND READY TO RECEIVE GRAIN. AS A RESULT OF RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAIN STANDARDS ACT, HOWEVER, BOARDS OF TRADE AND GRAIN EXCHANGES ARE BEING PHASED OUT OF THESE ACTIVITIES. AMENDMENTS TO GRAIN STANDARDS ACT PROVIDE THAT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE SHALL TAKE OVER THESE CERTIFICATION AND INSPECTION FUNCTIONS OR DELEGATE THEM TO STATE AUTHORITIES TO PERFORM. USDA ESTIMATES THAT TAKE OVER FROM BOARDS OF TRADE AND GRAIN EXCHANGES IS NOW 60 PERCENT COMPLETE.

3. DEPARTMENT REGRETS DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REF B, ACTION COPY WENT ASTRAY AND WAS DISCOVERED ONLY ON RECEIPT OF F A. VANCE

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